An EPISTLE of the Prophet REEVE.

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BLESSED are all those that shall read, or hear this Epistle with a meek Soul, and are kept from judging Things that seem strange at first Appearance, but by sober searching of the Scriptures, compare Spiritual Things with Spiritual, as those noble born did in the Apostles Time, being made patient to wait the Lord's Leisure, who reveals his Secrets to such only who with a pure Conscience hearken to his Spirit, *He that believeth maketh not haste.*

In the 6th Chapter of St. *John* 63th Verse, are these Words, *The Words that I speak unto you, are Spirit and Life*, and in the 10th, 17th, and 18th Verse, it is thus written, *I lay down my Life that I may take it again: No Man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of my self I have Power to lay it down, and Power to take it again.* Therefore, that you may increase in your most Holy Faith unto your Eternal Glory, which are appointed to believe in that distinct glorified Body of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only God and everlasting Father, from the Holy Spirit, I shall shew you wherein that Power did consist of Christ dying and living again.

THIS his Power was secretly hid in the Truth of his Word speaking. Why? because the Nature of Christ's Soul within his blessed Body was only one Voice of spiritual Faith and Truth. Therefore, you may understand, whatever he spoke in that Word speaking, was all Power to effect the Thing spoken of. *The Words that I speak unto you are Spirit and Life*, that is, as if Christ should have said, "My Words tend not to Joy in Carnal Things that perish, but in the rejoycing in Spiritual Things which are eternal,

or, as if the Lord ſhould have ſaid, " My Word is all Spiritual
" Light and Love, Meekneſs, Patience, with all Variety of immor-
" tal Glorious Joys beyond the Comprehenſion of the Spirit of Men
" and Angels.

AGAIN, Chriſt's Words are ſaid to be *Spirit and Life*, becauſe all Spirits in the Creation were made by his Word ſpeaking only: Furthermore, becauſe his Word only, is the Original Cauſe of all Light, Life and Glory in Heaven and Earth, and in Men and Angels; *I have Power*, ſaith Chriſt, *to lay down my Life, and Power to take it again.* I declare from the Holy Spirit, none in Heaven and Earth could ever truly ſpeak thoſe Words, but that Man Chriſt only.

AGAIN, it is as if Chriſt ſhould have ſaid, " I only have all
" Power within my Soul, by a Word ſpeaking, to die and live
" again.

MOREOVER, Chriſt Jeſus being Lord of Life and Death, did believe without any Motion of doubting in him, that whatſoever he ſpake ſhould come to paſs, and that gave a Being to the Thing ſpoken of, and that made him to ſay in the 24th of St. *Matthew*, ver. 25. *Heaven and Earth ſhall paſs away, but my Word ſhall not paſs away.*

So that Chriſt being the only God of all Truth, you may underſtand that it was his Faith in that living Truth, or Vertue of his Word ſpeaking, which gave him Power to lay down that Divine Soul, or Spiritual Godhead Life in the Hell of the Grave, and to quicken his Spiritual Life again from Death, to reign in immortal Glory to Eternity, in that very Body of Fleſh wherein he ſuffered Death. For I declare, from the Holy Spirit, from that ever-living Vertue continually flowing from the former Suffering of God on this Earth, in the Body of Chriſt, the Tongue of Men nor Angels can never expreſs the Variety of new glorious Joys, the Eternal Spirit of God the Father hath in that glorious Garment of Fleſh he hath clothed himſelf withal.

AGAIN, that Divine Faith of Chriſt in that living Truth and Virtue of his Word ſpeaking gave him Power over Life and Death, that by his precious Blood ſhedding, he might purchaſe from himſelf the Lordſhip of the Dead and Quick.

AGAIN, if God had not been able to have made his Soul to die in his Body, and by the living Vertue of that Almighty Word of Truth, ſpoken through his Holy Mouth, to quicken a new and glo-

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ious Life again, O then would it be impoſſible for him at the laſt Day, by the Power of his Word to quicken and make alive, all the Souls and Bodies of Mankind that are dead aſleep, and buried in the Grave,

YOU may underſtand, that living Vertue of his Divine Word of Truth, ſpoken before he died, was that God, which raiſed the ever-living God from Death to Life again.

THEREFORE, becauſe the Lord your God liveth, ye which are to live eternally with him with aſtoniſhing Wonder and Admiration behold your God, that was, abſolutely dead and alive at one and the ſame Time.

THEREFORE Chriſt ſpoke thoſe Words to his Apoſtles of the Power of Faith, *Mat.* xxi. 21. and *Jeſus* anſwered and ſaid unto them, *Verily I ſay unto you, if ye have Faith, and doubt not, ye ſhall not only do what I have done to the Figg-tree, but alſo if you ſay to this Mountain, take thy ſelf away, and caſt thy ſelf into the Sea, it ſhall be done*; and in Mat. 19. and 26. *But with God all things are poſſible*, and in *Gen.* 18. *Is any thing hard to the Lord.*

WOE, WOE, WOE therefore, to all that are left under the Power of Carnal Reaſon, that they may ever War againſt that incomprehenſible Power of Spiritual Faith and Truth eſſentially reigning in the glorious Body of the only wiſe God, your alone Redeemer, which long for his Appearance, which by the Almighty Power of his Word ſpeaking of that Subſtance of Earth and Water, created both Worlds, and all living Forms that in them are, into that Order they appear now to be, whether for a Time, or for Eternity, which alſo twice changed the Condition of his glorious Form by that Almighty Power of the Spirit of Faith and Truth ſpeaking thro' his Heavenly Mouth.

MOREOVER, his Divine Godhead dyed in the Fleſh and quickned in the Spirit, not only to redeem his Elect loſt Sheep of the Houſe of *Iſrael*, from the bitter Cup of Eternal Death, but alſo to prove his infinite Power and Wiſdom of Truth ſpeaking, and for the diſproving of all lying Reprobates, which always either in Heart or Tongue, ſpeak againſt that glorious Power of their Creator.

YOU know, that it is a common Thing for them to ſay, that it is Blaſphemy for any Man to ſay, that *God could poſſibly die*, with many ſuch like curſed Speeches againſt incomprehenſible Power. And why do Atheiſtical Hypocrites ſay, that God could not die, be-

cauſe of their lying Imagination they cannot comprehend by wha Means God ſhould poſſible live again if he were dead.

THUS they meaſure that incomprehenſible Power of Divin Faith or Heavenly Truth, by the narrow Compaſs of their blin Reaſon, and Bottomleſs Pit of lying Imagination, which under ſtands nothing of that Spiritual Power of true Faith.

AND becauſe they are not able to comprehend the Spiritua Ways of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, they hate both him and his Elec and call him a Liar to his Face, both in his Perſon and in his Word and in his Prophet, and in his People.

MOREOVER, becauſe they ſee no Power in themſelves, neithe to live nor to die preſumptuouſly, they take upon them to judg the God of all Power over Life and Death, by their no Power a all.

AGAIN, if that God that ſaid, *I have Power to lay down my Life and Power to take it again*, did not die, and was buried both Soul and Body in the Grave, and after the decreed Time of three Days and three Nights, by a quickning Spirit revive a new and glorious Life again in Deſpite of Death's Power, then (Angelical Reprobate) the following Scriptures were Words of Truth, ſpoken from the Spiritual Mouth of the everlaſting God, that ſent me to declare this Secret, who did die, but cannot poſſibly lie, for lying is of a Mortal Man, like unto thy ſelf. In the Words of *Iſa.* 53. and the laſt Verſe, *Becauſe he poured out his Soul unto Death.* In *Pſal.* 16. ver. 11. *For thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell, neither wilt thou ſuffer thine Holy One to ſee Corruption.* In *Acts* ii. 27, 31. *Becauſe thou wilt not leave my Soul in the Grave, neither wilt thou ſuffer thine Holy One to ſee Corruption*; he knowing that he before ſpoke of the Reſurrection of Chriſt, that his Soul ſhould not be left in the Grave, neither ſhould his Fleſh ſee Corruption. *Rom.* xiv. 9, *For Chriſt therefore died and roſe again, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the Dead and Quick.* In *Rev.* i. 17, 18. *Saying unto me, Fear not, I am the firſt and the laſt; I am he that liveth, and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the Keys of Hell and Death.* And *Rev.* ii. 8. *Theſe Things ſaith the firſt, and the laſt, which was dead and is alive.*

IF this Truth be not ſufficiently cleared by the Letter of the Scriptures concerning Chriſt's Soul and Body being both dead and buried in the Grave, and living again by his own Power, I would it were. This I am certain of, that they that deny this Truth, are not only naturally blind, but wilfully alſo do ſhut their Eyes, and ſtop

ſtop their Ears, and call the Scriptures Lies, becauſe of the Croſs of Chriſt, without which there is no Crown of Glory.

AGAIN, if the everlaſting God for a Moment could not have died, and left himſelf void of all Light or Life, Spiritual or Natural, (as the Condition of all Mankind is, which are dead aſleep in the Duſt of the Earth) then he could not poſſibly have experimentally known the State of the Dead, whether Elect or Reprobate. Moreover, neither could he poſſibly, in his Creatureſhip Condition, be capable of entring into the Immortal Glory of his Creator-ſhip again, but by his entring into Death, that he might live again, and upon his glorious Head inſtead of a Crown of Throns, wear a double Crown of eternal Glory.

AGAIN, that he might alſo ſhow unto his Elect Men and Angels, his Almighty Power and unſearchable Wiſdom, by quickning an Immortal tranſcendent glorious Life out of Death it ſelf.

THUS the Lord of Life and Death, by ſuffering all Conditions in his innocent Soul and Body, did purchaſe at a dear Rate from himſelf a Prerogative Power of being Lord and King over all Conditions whatſoever; and from hence he experimentally knows what Immortal Crowns of Glory are moſt ſuitable for all ſuffering Conditions his bleſſed ones undergo: And by Virtue of his unſpeakable Sufferings in the Hands of *Jewiſh Canaaniſh* Devils, he knoweth what Meaſure of eternal Death in utter Darkneſs is moſt meet for the Souls and Bodies of all the Sons and Daughters proceeding from the Bowels of curſed bloody *Cain*, that Reprobate Angelical Old wiſe Serpent Devil and Father of all the Damned, which thro' the Decree of God was caſt out of Heaven into this World, that he might bring forth his Generation of proud envious ſcoffing perſecuting wiſe Serpent Devils, not only to war againſt the Lord of Life and the Truth of Holy Scriptures, but alſo againſt his Holy Spirit of Divine Faith or Truth in all the Elect loſt Sons and Daughters proceeding from the Loins of *Adam*; ſo that their Eternal periſhing by the ſecret Decree of God being hid from them, by his Wiſdom, they might juſtly be damned in themſelves from the everlaſting Remembrance, not only of all their Actions of vain-glorious Hypocriſy, but unmerciful Cruelties.

THIS will be that gnawing Worm of Conſcience which never dieth, and that fiery Curſe of the Law of the Wrath of God in Mens Souls that never goeth out.

AND

Now so much concerning that everlasting Word of Truth that was spoken by the glorious Mouth of the everlasting God, that Man Christ Jesus upon the Throne of all Immortal Crowns of Glory and Majesty far above all Heavens, Angels and Men.

Yours which love the Lord Jesus more than this perishing World.

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An Occasional Discourse from the First and Second Verse of the Second Chapter of the Divine Looking-Glass, *concerning the Prophet* Reeve, *that* Darkness, Death and Hell lay secretly hid in the Spiritual Earth eternally with God. *By the Prophet* Muggleton, *Septem.* 28. *Anno Dom.* 1668.

THE Heaven of Glory that is now God's Throne, with the Substance of Earth and Water, was eternally uncreated in the Presence of God, who was alone by himself before any created Being appear'd in his Sight: Then his glorious Wisdom mov'd him by a Word speaking to that Spiritual Earth above this Global World to create an innumerable Company of glorious Spiritual Angels, whose Form, and Image was the same as God's, only differing in their Natures, the Angels Nature being pure Reason, and God's Nature Divine Faith. And there was no impure Thing in his Sight, only he created one Angel more glorious than the rest. After this, the glorious Wisdom of God moved him to create this Mortal Visible World of Earth and Water which were Eternal Substances, but dark, dead and senseless: And of this visible Mortal Earth, the Glorious Wise God created *Adam* and *Eve* in his own Image, and breathed into them the Breath of Life: That Breath of the ever-living God made their Souls Spiritual and Immortal, and would have so continu'd: But now behold, what the Wisdom of God mov'd him to: He first tries what his Creature, that Holy Angel would do, or what would become of him if he did withdraw his Revelation from him, and leave him to himself: Not that God had eternally decreed this, but

but as his glorious Wiſdom moved him to this or that: For if God knew what was paſt, preſent and to come, there was an End of his Wiſdom, and ſo would not be infinite; but this makes him infinite, that his Wiſdom is eternally increaſing. Now, when God did withhold his Revelation from this glorious Angel, his pure Reaſon in Creation became impure, and aſpir'd to be above the Creator; which when God ſaw and knew, thoſe vilifying Thoughts that continually ſprang in him, he caſt him down from Heaven, like Lightning. From that very Moment Good and Evil was viſible in this Creation; which was the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil which ſtood before *Adam* and *Eve*. Here Sin enter'd into the World: Therefore the glorious God having found by the Trial of his firſt Creature, how it became with him, his Wiſdom ſaw it good to leave Man of his own Nature to himſelf: Only he firſt gave Man a Law, that if he hearkened to the Subtilty of that Reprobate fallen Spiritual glorious Angel, by eating or believing in him, he ſhould die the Death; that is, that immortal Soul he were created in, while he ſtood in Obedience to God could not fall: But he ſhould by Diſobedience become Mortal: Now the Subtilty of this glorious Angel was too powerful for *Eve*: (*Adam* was not in the leaſt concern'd in *Eve*'s Temptation,) but being overcome by the Serpent Angel, he having Power, preſently enters her Womb: For the Nature of Spiritual Bodies can tranſmute it ſelf into as ſmall a Place as it pleaſeth: And this Angel pollutes her, makes her defil'd, fills her pure innocent Soul with Luſtful Thoughts and Deſires towards her Husband: There this Immortal Reprobate Angel lays down his Immortality, in becoming Seed; and had, or could *Eve* have liv'd without the Embraces of her Husband, ſhe would in her appointed Time brought forth *Cain* the Offspring, and only begotten Son of that Reprobate Angel, the Father of all the Devils in the World: But ſhe could not forbear but tempt poor innocent *Adam* who is overcome by hearkening to *Eve*'s Words, and ſo becomes polluted too, then at that very Time Death enter'd into the World, and not before. Now, as concerning Hell, God comes and ſays, *I will put Enmity between the two Seeds, the Seed of the Woman and the Seed of the Serpent.* There was in *Cain* Part of the Woman's Seed (which was God's Nature) as well as the Serpent's: Likewiſe in *Abel* there was two Seeds: But here lies the Difference; in *Cain* the Seed of his Father the Reprobate Angel was predominate and Lord over that Spark of the Seed of the Woman; whereas in *Abel*, whom *Adam* begot,

begot, tho' both Seeds were in him, yet the Seed of Faith being God's Divine Nature, was predominate, and did so captivate the Seed of Reason in him, that his Sacrifice was acceptable before God, when *Cain*'s was refus'd, which made him slay his Brother *Abel*. Now, mark the Seed of Reason which is the Seed of the Serpent, or the Reprobate Angel, or the Devil, should bruise the Heel of the Seed of the Woman, or the Seed of Faith: But *the Seed of the Woman shall break the Serpent's Head*, Now when the glorious God did fulfil his Promise, and saw it most fit to transmute his glorious Immortality into a Mortal Human Condition of Flesh, Blood and Bone, by entring into the Virgin's Womb, who in Time shedding his most precious Blood, hath overcome Sin, Death, and Hell, which Hell, as yet hath no Being: Altho' the Heaven of Glory, which will be the Reward of the Elect Seed, be in Being and ever was: Yet the Place of Torment will appear but in Time, when God will call all to Judgment.

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